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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT:

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REFERENCE: Speed Letter No. 954-549, 26 March 1965 (Received by  on 7 April 1965)

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1. Since the work performed under this contract and the end items are unclassified, there is no necessity for us to give official authorization to  for them to publicize the viewer and its concept as they wish.

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2. However, advertisement does open them to questions concerning the sponsor and, although they understand perfectly well the security status of Agency association in this contract, we would only caution them about the subtleties of informally implying any aspect of our relationship and support to the viewer program.

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3. We would also remind  for their own sake and commercial position, that the viewer will not be considered complete and running until a satisfactory grating is produced and tried in the system. We yet have no guarantee that this key element -- upon which the success (or market) of the viewer ultimately depends -- can be provided by either  or the customer.

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4. We admit confidence in both parallel efforts, but  realizes as we do that grating making is far from an exact science.  would therefore, at this stage, be publicizing a viewer essentially without a working grating.

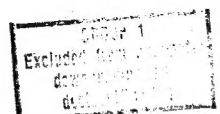
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5. We have not guaranteed  that our in-house effort will be successful. We take no legal responsibility for supplying them with a suitable grating (although we are trying our best); nor do we at this time necessarily agree to providing them with our grating-making techniques for their own eventual manufacture of gratings for production viewers. Such arrangements will be considered upon the acceptance of the prototype.

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6. Other than all this, they have our blessing.

7. [ ] has been informed of the above information.

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